

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1           1.     A multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation method comprising:  
2                     receiving, by a first service, of multimedia-messaging-capability information from  
3 a receiving client;  
4                     transmitting, by the first service, of the multimedia-messaging-capability  
5 information to a sending client; and  
6                     evaluating the multimedia-messaging-capability information by the sending client  
7 in order to determine what further action to take relative to communicating with the receiving  
8 client.

1           2.     The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2                     transmitting, by a second service, of a message from the sending client to the  
3 receiving client; and  
4                     wherein the message is adapted by the sending client in accordance with the  
5 multimedia-messaging-capability information.

1           3.     The method of claim 1, further comprising opting, by the sending client, to not  
2 send a message to the receiving client.

1           4.     The method of claim 2, wherein the second service operates in accordance with  
2 multimedia messaging services (MMS).

1           5.     The method of claim 1, wherein the first service operates in accordance with  
2     Wireless Village protocol (WV).

1           6.     The method of claim 2, wherein:  
2                 the first service operates in accordance with WV; and  
3                 the second service operates in accordance with MMS.

1           7.     The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information  
2     indicates that the receiving client is adapted to receive multimedia messages.

1           8.     The method of claim 7, wherein the message is in accordance with MMS.

1           9.     The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information  
2     indicates that the receiving client is not adapted to receive multimedia messages.

1           10.    The method of claim 9, wherein the message is in accordance with short  
2     messaging service (SMS).

1           11.    The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information  
2     is included in a WV extension field for presence attributes for the receiving client.

1           12.    The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information  
2     is included in a user agent profile (UAprof) link in an information presence attribute of the  
3     receiving client.

1           13.    The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information  
2   is included in a UAprof element of a client information element of the receiving client.

1           14.    An end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system comprising:  
2                   a WV service, wherein the WV service is adapted to:  
3                   receive multimedia-messaging-capability information from a receiving client; and  
4                   transmit the multimedia-messaging-capability information to a sending client;  
5                   an MMS service, wherein the MMS service is adapted to transmit a message from  
6   the sending client to the receiving client; and  
7                   wherein the message is adapted by the sending client in accordance with the  
8   multimedia-messaging-capability information.

1           15.    The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,  
2   wherein the sending client may, responsive to receipt of the multimedia-messaging-capability  
3   information, opt to not send a message to the receiving client.

1           16.    The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,  
2   wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information indicates that the receiving client is  
3   adapted to receive multimedia messages.

1           17.    The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,  
2   wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information indicates that the receiving client is  
3   not adapted to receive multimedia messages.

1           18.    The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 17,  
2    wherein the message is in accordance with SMS.

1           19.    The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,  
2    wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information is included in a WV extension field  
3    for presence attributes for the receiving client.

1           20.    The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,  
2    wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information is included in a UProf link in an  
3    information presence attribute of the receiving client.

1           21.    The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,  
2    wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information is included in a UProf element of a  
3    client information element of the receiving client.